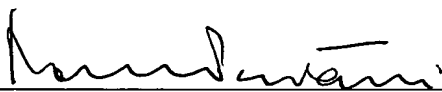


**REMARKS**

This preliminary amendment is presented to place the application in proper form for examination and to present claims based on the claims presented in the Article 19 amendment. While a translation of the Article 19 claims is submitted herewith as required by 35 U.S.C. §371(c) (3), these claims should be disregarded. No new matter has been added. Early examination and favorable consideration of the above-identified application are earnestly solicited.

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